

BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 2 July 2012

**Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries)
Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on Monday, 2 July 2012 at 10.30am**

Present

Members:

Deputy Billy Dove

Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley

Oliver Lodge

John Scott (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Peter Nelson

Matthew Pitt

Mathew Lawrence

- Assistant Town Clerk

- Town Clerk's Department

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Michael Henderson-Begg and Vivienne Littlechild.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Oliver Lodge declared an interest as he had held discussions regarding funding of Churches within the City with the Archdeacon but added that these discussions did not include St Lawrence Jewry, the only Church within the remit of this Committee.

3. RESOLUTION, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

The Committee received a resolution of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee appointing the Sub Committee and noting its Terms of Reference.

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4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Sub Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to serve and Mr Dove, being the only member indicating a willingness to serve was declared to have been elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

RESOLVED - That in accordance with Standing Order No 29, Deputy Billy Dove be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Sub Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

It was noted that, customarily, the Chairman of the Grand Committee served as Deputy Chairman of this Sub Committee and Mr Scott, having indicated his willingness to serve was declared to have been elected Deputy Chairman for the year ensuing.

RESOLVED - That in accordance with Standing Order No 30, John Scott be elected Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2011 were approved as a correct record.

7. **THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION BENEFICES**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which provided Members with information on the various City Corporation Benefices.

In response to a Member's question regarding suspensions of presentation rights, the Chairman noted that, whilst the Sub Committee had been supportive of suspensions in the past, in future the Sub Committee would be less willing to grant long suspensions due to concern over the future of parishes within the City of London.

The Chairman requested that the Sub Committee be notified of induction dates for new clergy so that they might attend and represent the City Corporation.

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8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Eligibility of Members to sit on the Sub Committee

A Member raised concern over the legitimacy of some Members to sit on the Sub Committee because of their Faith. The Chairman recollected that, there had previously been an enquiry into this matter which found that there was no requirement for Members of the Sub Committee to be communicant members of the Church of England and the Town Clerk confirmed that to be so.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business that required consideration.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No.	Exemption Paragraph
11 - 12	1 & 3
13 - 14	-

11. **MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2012 were approved.

12. **ST LAWRENCE JEWRY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk which provided an update regarding St Lawrence Jewry.

13. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was one urgent item for consideration.

The meeting closed at 11.00am

Chairman

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